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SUBJ: C-5A SUPPORT MISSION FOR GATE

DEPT PLEASE PASS DEFENSE, NOAA

1. C-5A GALAXY AIRCRAFT COMMANDED BY MAJ TED GRIFFITHS OF 436 MAW, DOVER AFB, COMPLETED MISSION DAKAR MAY 19 BRINGING SATELLITE TRACKING STATION AND OTHER EQUIPMENT AND PERSONNEL IN SUPPORT GATE EXPERIMENT.

2. AS RESULT SUPERLATIVE SUPPORT BY MAJ GRIFFITHS AND CREW, PLANE'S SOJOURN IN DAKAR BECAME HIGHLY SUCCESSFUL PUBLIC RELATIONS GESTURE, WITH AIRCRAFT VISITED BY SEVERAL HUNDRED SENIOR GOS OFFICIALS, TOP MEMBERS DIPLOMATIC CORPS.

3. AMONG RANKING VISITORS WERE DIRECTOR GENERAL OF PRESIDENCY, GOVERNOR OF CAP VERT REGION, ATTORNEY GENERAL, AND CHIEF OF HQS STAFF SENEGALESE ARMED FORCES, MOST OF WHOM ACCOMPANIED BY FAMILIES.

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4. A SURPRISE VISITOR WAS THE FOREIGN MINISTER OF

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CONGO-BRAZZAVILLE,WHO WAS IN TRANSIT AND BROUGHT TO
VISIT AIRCRAFT BY ASST CHIEF OF PROTOCOL.

5. THROUGH UNFAILING COURTESY AND PATIENCE OF AIR-
CRAFT CREW, VISITORS DEPARTED, GRATEFUL HAVE HAD
OPPORTUNITY VISIT WORLD'S LARGEST AIRCRAFT. MONDAY'S
LOCAL PRESS FEATURED FRONT-PAGE PICTURE UNLOADING
OPERATION WITH SECOND PICTURE AND FIVE COLUMN STORY
INSIDE CONCERNING AIRCRAFT'S MISSION AND STORY GATE
PROJECT. ARTICLE QUOTED DR MANSOUR SECK, DIRECTOR
OF METEOROLOGY OF SENEGAL, PRESENT THROUGHOUT DAY, ON
MAGNITUDE OF US CONTRIBUTION TO PROJECT, AS FOLLOW
ON TO STORY ON MAY 18 ON GALAXY CHARACTERISTICS IN
ANTICIPATION ITS ARRIVAL.
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